

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement sheet of drawings including Figure 1 replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. No new matter has been added. Approval and entry are requested.

Attachment: one (1) Replacement sheet

REMARKS

With the addition of new claim 23 and the cancellation herein without prejudice of claim 1, claims 2 to 23 are pending in the present application, of which claims 17 to 23 have been withdrawn from consideration. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, PTO-1449 papers, and cited references.

Figure 1 has been amended herein to replace one of the legends "30" with a legend "90," so that the legends correspond to the text of the Specification.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 9 to 11, 13, and 15 are allowable. In this regard, the Examiner will note that each of claims 9 to 11, 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the subject matter of its respective base claim and any intervening claim. The Examiner will further note that claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form to include essentially all of the subject matter of its respective base claim and any intervening claim. The Examiner will further note that each of claims 2 to 7, 12, 14, and 16 has been amended herein without prejudice so that claims 2 to 8, 12, 14, and 16 depend from claim 11. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 2 to 16 are in condition for immediate allowance.

The remaining rejected claim has been canceled herein without prejudice, so as to obviate the remaining claim rejection.

Withdrawn claim 17 has been amended herein without prejudice to include subject matter analogous to that of claim 11, so that claim 17 and its dependent claims, e.g., claims 18 to 22, are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 11.

New claim 23 has been added herein. The new claim does not add new matter and is supported by the present application, including the specification. Claim 23 depends from withdrawn claim 17 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 17.

Accordingly, all of pending claims 2 to 23 are allowable.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 2 to 23 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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